

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

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JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN SAIL AND BCCL
Singh Shri Uday

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has decided to have joint venture with Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) for the rich Kapuria block in Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the facts and details thereof;
- (c) whether the SAIL has estimated the quantum of coking coal in the Kapuria block in Jharkhand; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which coal availability at Kapuria block will be sufficient for the various units of SAIL?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) and Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) have agreed to form a Joint Venture Company on 50:50 equity sharing basis for development of Kapuria underground block. The terms and conditions of the MOU are being finalized by SAIL and BCCL.

(c)&(d): Yes Sir, as per the Geological Report, Kapuria is understood to have total geological reserves of around 146 million tonnes. Kapuria has the potential to be developed into a state-of-the-art mine of around 2 million tonnes per annum capacity. The coking coal requirement of SAIL is estimated to increase to 23 million tonnes by 2011-12 and 50 million tonnes by 2019-20 against the present level of 14 million tonnes. However, out of the present requirement, only around 4 million tonnes is made available from indigenous sources and balance requirement is met through imports. The development of Kapuria will augment indigenous availability of coking coal.